

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Criminal Investigation Division
Investigative Activity Report**

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Case Title:

Hunters Point Shipyard

Subject of Report:

August 8, 2016 Interview of Amy Brownell

Reporting Office:

San Francisco, CA, Area Office

Activity Date:

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Reporting Official and Date:

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Special Agent

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SYNOPSIS

DETAILS

On August 8, 2016, Special Agent (SA) ██████████ (EPACID) telephonically interviewed Amy Brownell of the City and County of San Francisco, Department of Public Health. SA ██████████ identified ██████████ and advised Brownell of the nature and the purpose of the interview and Brownell provided the following information:

Brownell has been involved with the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard (HPNS) site for 23 years. Because she works for the local health department, she has no authority over the site. HPNS is a federal Superfund site with U.S. EPA as the lead agency. Brownell said that the attorneys she works with have told her that San Francisco may have authority if the matter involves a police action, but even then, they only have jurisdiction over a small portion of the site.

Brownell was asked what her agency has done to investigate allegations that bogus sampling activities took place at HPNS. Brownell said that she has talked to people employed by other government agencies, and she has learned of the situation through reports from the Navy and from TetraTech. Brownell said that she was in meetings with the base closure team and the anomalous sampling results were discussed in those meetings. She has been briefed on the “giant” TetraTech report about the anomalous sampling results.

Brownell was asked if she conducts site visits or inspections at HPNS. Brownell said that she is just a local government environmental engineer. She goes to meetings and advises the City and County of SF. The Office of Community Investment & Infrastructure has a contractual relationship with the Navy. The Navy has an obligation to offer property that has been determined to be completely clean/remediated to SF's Office of Community Investment & Infrastructure. Brownell said that she has a special role on the portion of the HPNS property that is currently under re-development.

Brownell was asked to identify her counterparts at state and local agencies involved in HPNS. Brownell said that there are many people involved in this site. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has two separate branches involved in the site – the Environmental Management Branch and the Radiological Health Branch. The Environmental Management Branch works in a role similar to a consultant to the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). Brownell said that, at DTSC, Denise Tsuji used to be in charge of the group involved with the site, but she was replaced by Nina Bacey. Brownell recommended contacting Bacey or her supervisor, Janet Naito. The other branch of CDPH involved with the site is the Radiological Health Branch (RHB). Brownell said that RHB has a separate role and it is possible that they conducted an investigation, although they may have simply deferred

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to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). Brownell identified Steve Woods as a contact at the RHB, along with Gonzalo Perez.

Brownell reiterated that neither she nor her agency has conducted any independent investigation into the allegations regarding anomalous sample results at HPNS.

Brownell provided no additional information.

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